





# THE BRITISH COLONIST

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To Advertisers & the Public.

THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST, published every morning (except on Sundays and public holidays) at the office of the Proprietor, No. 11, Market Street, Victoria, at 25 cents per week, payable in advance.

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**JOB PRINTING.**  
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**THE HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.**

The adjourned debate on this subject comes up to-day in the Assembly. A week has almost elapsed since the last discussion, affording the members a little breathing time before they enter pell-mell into the serious operation of implicating our future revenues in a project that may end in the total bankruptcy of the colony. There is not, we believe, a single person in the country who is opposed to the improvement of Victoria harbor; but the best of things can be purchased too dearly. There are many obstacles on the Island—both physical and political—that require removal, but no one will contend for a moment that the colony is in a position at the present time to involve itself in an outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars for any such reforms. We would like to see the country intersected with railways from one end to the other; but we are afraid we must "wait for the wagon" before we venture upon these gigantic undertakings. We would rejoice at the "making" of Victoria harbor—the removal of every rock, pebble or particle of sand that might obstruct navigation—could the clever financiers of our House of Assembly come down for once in their lives from that high pinnacle of fancy, which rests like the cullu of Mahomet, in mid-air, and give us satisfactory facts instead of delusive assertions. We do not expect, however, they will do this, from the simple but very substantial reason, that they cannot. They have about as correct an idea of the expenditure really necessary—as the actual amount of work to be done—as they have of the geography of Jupiter. They talk as if they were blowing submarine rocks at \$11 a cubic yard, as if they had been all engaged in constructing the Thames Tunnel; and seem to be entirely oblivious of the fact that for every yard of rock they blast at \$11, they will be obliged to pay one hundred dollars afterwards for picking it out of the water. The enormous work the improvement of the harbor—at any price—men have out cut for the dredging machine and the diving apparatus may possibly be done in the present century, but no question very much whether it will not extend beyond this lengthened period. To remove the rock at the bar so as to admit vessels of the great east draft may be an ambitious project, but it is certainly neither a wise nor an easy one. To widen the narrow parts of the harbor by blasting above and below the water, so as to allow the Great Eastern to turn, is also a noble design, and well worthy the energetic men who are determined on making Victoria the commercial entrepot of the world; but we are afraid the time and the money of the present generation of Victorians will scarce suffice for its completion.

We have already alluded to the absurdity of attempting to remove even a portion of the rock on the bar. The gradual deposits from the outer shores swept in on the occasion of every southerly or south-westerly breeze, would give one dredging-machine more work than it would be likely to accomplish, if this part of the "improving" programme was carried out. There are several feet of sand and gravel on the bar that should be, no doubt, removed, in order to admit a vessel drawing twelve or thirteen feet, at low tide. The channel requires deepening in various places from three to four feet, and the removal of other obstructions of by no means a stupendous character, is also essential; but beyond this there is neither wisdom nor advantage in attempting. The grand work laid out for the dredging-machine is, with our present finances, sheer folly—if for no other reason than the total want of proper statistics on which to found so ambitious a scheme. The motion of Dr. Helmecken meets all the difficulties of the question. It covers the expenses to which the credit of the country is pledged, and gives sufficient time for a proper harbor report to be laid before the Assembly. There is every probability, as we have previously remarked, of an early meeting of the next House, when the public will be able to found their opinions of what is necessary on properly drawn up reports of a harbor survey. To implicate the colony in an endless expense on purely hypothetical data, is not what is expected of reasonable men, in whose custody are placed the purse-strings of the colony.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**WANTED—A RESPECTABLE YOUTH** in the grocery business. Apply to WILSON & MURRAY, Fort Street. ma25 11

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RACES.** A meeting of the committee of the above races will be held at the St. Nicholas Saloon this evening, at 8 o'clock, to audit the accounts and draw over the stakes.

**VALUABLE** Saw-Mill Property! FOR SALE.

A SAW-MILL, TOGETHER WITH 200 acres of the finest timber land on the coast, embracing one mile and a half of coast frontage. The mill is driven by water-power, from a never-failing run.

Apply to WILSON & MURRAY, Fort Street. ma25 11

**\$10 Reward** Will be paid for the delivery of a square wheel, Leather Truck or Bonnet Box, about 22 inches square, containing Gillie's Clothing, marked on a slip of paper, Wallis Walls, and printed in black letters.

"C. H. ARMSTRONG, OLYMPIA, W. T." Lost on the 27th of April, on board the steamship Sierra Nevada, or in Victoria.

Apply to GARY FINCH, steamer Eliza Anderson. ma25 11

**FOR SALE.** A FINEST CLASS GROVER & BAKER Sewing Machine, in excellent order. Apply to this Office. ma25 11

**WHO'S YOUR BREWER?**

**BUNSTER!**

# LONDON HOUSE,

MAY 26, 1864.

The subscribers have received invoices of a very choice lot of goods of the following descriptions, shipped by Express from Europe, via Panama, and expected to arrive next Steamer.

J. H. TURNER & CO., 6, Fort Street.

A large assortment of French Flowers and Wreaths;

Real Lace Collars, Sleeves, and Camerous;

Lace Shawls and Mantles;

Rich Silk Peloteas;

Fashionable Trimmings;

Silk, Cotton, and Thread, for Sewing Machines;

The newest Bonnets and Hats;

Elegant Sash and Bonnet Ribbons;

A very excellent make of French Kid Gloves—in Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's sizes;

Riding Gloves;

The celebrated Sans Flectum Skirts;

Glaces and Moires, in the new colors;

Shaded and GRIS DE FER MOIRES.

BOUQUET CUENE MOIRES, Ecossais, Taffetas, &c., &c., &c.

Balance of Summer Goods

ARRIVE PER ROYAL CHARLIE

Sporborg & Rueff,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers

Groceries, Provisions,

Boots and Shoes.

WHARF STREET, VICTORIA, V. I.

BYASS' PORTER.

The Shipments now on the way per

"Royal Charlie,"

"Chrysolite," and

"Kinnaird."

Of this Approved Porter.

Will enable us to keep it continuously in stock. Orders for not less than five cases are solicited. ma25 11

**IMPORTANT**

To Farmers, &c., &c.

JAY & CO.

Call attention to their large stock of warranted

SWEDS AND OTHER

TURNIP SEEDS,

Which they are now offering for sale at NO. 5, FORT STREET.

The Flower Garden

May now be completely furnished with choicest

PLANTING AND OTHER PLANTS from their

Conservatory at the above address. ma25 11

"Hic ibat Simois, hic est Sigela tellus."

[See Katherine and Petrucho, Act 3. Scene 1. W. Shakespeare, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick, April 1864.]

Hic ibat, as I told you before, Simois, this is the Beaulieu.

Hic est Sigela tellus, here it is you can get a good dinner.

Hic Steterat, Priami, de primo Soup Fish, Joint.

Regia and Pastry—celsa cenis—for seventy-five cents.

A SHREW'D TRANSLATION.

H. DONCASTER.

Victoria, Vancouver, May, 1864. ma25 11

**Fell & Company's**

**SPICES**

ARE ALL GENUINE AND CONSE-

quently much stronger than the adulterated

articles, and FAMILIES who study economy will

benefit themselves from fraud by asking only for such as bear the name of their firm, and which can be had from all respectable dealers.

PELL & COMPANY, Coffee and Spice Merchants, Broad Street, Victoria, V. I.

**TENDERS.**

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON or before the 11th June, for the Construction of a Wharf at Nanaimo.

Plans and Specifications to be seen at this Office. DICKSON, CAMPBELL & Co

May 20, 1864. ma25 11

**COSTA RICA COFFEE**

Ex "Sheet Anchor."

160 BAGS

DIRECT FROM PLACE OF GROWTH.

For Sale by

JOHN WILKIE & CO.

At City Wharf

# Auction

J. A. McCREA

—WILL SELL—

THIS DAY,

Thursday, May 26th,

At 11 o'clock, a.m.,

On St. Ours' Wharf,

**COAL!**

30 tons Fuca Straits

ANTHRACITE COAL,

Ex Schr. North Star.

On Saturday, May 28,

At 11 o'clock, a.m.,

AT SALE ROOM,

On Wharf Street.

I am instructed by MESSRS. ANDERSON & Co. to sell

WITHOUT RESERVE.

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT.

**FINE WINES.**

SHERRY, PORT & BURGUNDY

S. M. & Co., importers. P. Ostale 109 ca. Five Old Sauternes Port, cost 32s per doz.

O.C. Indis 1-18 14 ca Black Seal Port, cost 20s. per doz

10-47 20 ca Green Seal Port, sup'r, cost 33s. "

48-74 20 ca Red Seal Port, select, cost 38s. "

76-102 20 ca Yellow Seal Port, dry, cost 38s. "

114-161 17 ca Vintage, 1844, Port, cost 33s. "

1 over K 162-169 14 ca Stout Port, cost 27s. "

**Sherry.**

S. M. & Co. in 5 outside 85 ca. 1 doz. each Golden Sherry, cost 32s. per doz.

O.C. Indis 18-17 25 ca. 1 doz. ea. Sup. Sherry, cost 36s per doz

185-180 7 ca. 1 doz. ea. very superior Sherry, cost 46s. per doz.

101-179 6 ca. 1 doz. ea. Amantillado Pale Sherry, cost 49s. per doz.

112-97 25 ca. 1 doz. ea. Sup. Pale Sherry, cost 36s. "

98-116 25 ca. 1 doz. ea. Sup. Golden Sherry, cost 38s. per doz.

118-152 26 ca. 1 doz. ea. Brown Sherry, cost 30s. "

**Burgundy.**

D. 40-64 24 doz. Best Quality, cost 42s. per doz.

E. 66-97 21 doz. do cost 22s. per doz.

A. 1-25 23 doz. Superior Claret, cost 42s. per doz.

B. 17-28 15 doz. Claret, cost 22s. per doz.

**BRITISH WINES.**

D & G M 50 doz. Assorted Ginger, Black Currant, Mulberry, Raspberry, Damson, Orange, &c.

**JAS. STEWART & CO'S**

Scotch Whisky :

4 Puncheons,

7 lbsds,

18 qr casks,

9 Octaves,

40 Cases, 1 doz. ea.

—ALSO—

134 cases, 2 doz each, celebrated "Backla"

**Porter :**

292 cks Tennant's, qts, 4 doz. each,

13 " pts, 8 "

**Ale :**

55 casks Tennant's, qts, 4 doz ea,

35 " pts, 8 "

The Particular attention of the Trade and Connoisseurs is called to the above Wines as they are the best ever imported to this Colony.

The Terms will be Liberal, from ONE TO FOUR MONTHS.

25 Samples and Catalogues ready on Friday. —ALSO—

**FURS!**

M. Moss in Bankruptcy

SOLD BY ORDER OF THE AS-SIGNEES :

30 Beaver Skins,

1 Bear,

3 Lynx,

2 Fur Seal,

1 Land Otter,

91 Mink,

23 Marten,

1 Fisher. ma25 11

**Tuesday, May 31st,**

At 11 o'clock, a.m.,

At City Wharf

# NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOOT OF YATES STREET.

Schr. "Lord Raglan."

STON HURTHEN,

Well Found in Sails, Rigging, Anchor, &c., &c.

Terms —Cash.

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO

OFFER FOR SALE

Ex "Speedwell," "Himalaya"

And other recent arrivals, and to arrive

Per "Royal Charlie."

**LIQUORS,**

BRANDY—Otard,

Martell,

Godard,

Vine Stewards,

Central Society,

Imperial,

Charante Vineyard,

Lacampagne & Co.

OLD TOM—Swaine, Board, & Co,

Worthington's,

Hornig's,

WHISKY—Royal Highland,

Islay,

Campten,

Stewart's,

Harvey's,

Moham's Irish.

RUSS—Jamieson,

Demarara.

WINES & LIQUORS—Sherry,

Port,

Madeira,

Champagne, "Duo de Montebello,"

Do. "Jacqueline" quarts

and pints, and other brands,

Claret, "St. Julien" "Chateau

Margaux" and other brands.

Burgundy,

Orange Bitters,

Cherry Brandy,

Ginger Brandy,

Do. Wine,

Rum Shrub,

Crems de Rose, Noyaux, &c.,

Vermouth, "Nolly, Prat & Co."

GENEVA—De Kuyper's,

Van Hoytema,

Herwig's.

BEER—Morice, Cox & Co. bottled and bulk;

Tennant's, do do do

Alkott's, do do do

Bas's, do do do

Allopp's, do do do

Demphy's, do do do

Berton Brewery Co. do

**GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &c.**

WILMAN'S SPICES—Of every description;

Coward's, Molloy's, Miller's, Cameron's

Batty's, Keen, Robinsons, Bellville

& Co's.

CHEESE, Cheddar;

SARDINES, in oil;

SOAP, Steele's and Manilla;

PRESERVED GINGER & CHOW CHOW;

CANDLES—Price's Belmont Sperm, De Rou-

laine's Starline Sperm;

PRESERVED VEGETABLES & PRODUCTIONS;

TEA—Gunpowder, Young Hyson, Pouchong;

SUGAR—Crushed, Loaf and Castor;

Vinegar, Potatoes & Grimbles; Currants, in bbls;







